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SUBJECT: PARM - ANNUAL POLICY AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT-
PARTS II AND III

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PART II - A. STATE

THIS IS A MOST THINLY STAFFED MISSION, WITH NINE
AMERICAN OFFICER POSITIONS, FOUR AMERICAN STAFF
POSITIONS, FIVE FSL PROFESSIONALS AND 15 FSL STAFF.
TWO OFFICERS ONLY IN ADDITION TO THE AMBASSADOR
AND DCM ENGAGE IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL
AND REPRESENTATIONAL WORK. THERE IS ONE CONSULAR
OFFICER, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE STAFF IS DEVOTED TO
COMMUNICATIONS OR TO ADMINISTRATIVE/GENERAL SERVICES
SUPPORT, AN EXTRAORDINARILY DEMANDING TASK IN AN
ENVIRONMENT BEREFT OF NORMAL MATERIAL RESOURCES
AND SKILLS.
OUR STAFF IS ADEQUATE TO OUR NEEDS AND IS PROPERLY ADAPTED
TO PURSUE THE COURSES OF ACTION PROPOSED IN PART I.
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THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO LATITUDE FOR REPROGRAMING WITHIN
THE MISSION. FOR COMPELLING POLITICAL AND LOGISTIC
REASONS, AMERICAN STAFF IN CONAKRY SHOULD BE KEPT TO THE
BARE ESSENTIAL MINIMUM, AS IS THE CASE.
EMBASSY OPERATIONS WOULD BE IMPROVED BY THE ADDITION OF
ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY POSITION. THE THREE SECRETARIES
COME UNDER EXCESSIVE AND EVEN UNFAIR PRESSURE WHEN ANY

ONE IS ILL OR ON LEAVE. HOWEVER, WE FEEL THERE ARE HIGHER PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW POSITIONS AT OTHER AFRICAN POSTS; THEREFORE, AND IN VIEW OF THE ARGUMENTS FOR LIMITING STAFF AT THIS MISSION, WE REQUEST NO INCREASE.

B. OTHER AGENCY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE LEVELS.

USIA - WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER SUPPORTED BY TWO FSL PROFESSIONALS AND TWO FSL STAFF. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH FRUSTRATING AND OFTEN SIMPLY BLOCKED FOR LOCAL POLITICAL OR BUREAUCRATIC REASONS, ARE MOST IMPORTANT, EVEN CENTRAL TO AMERICAN INTERESTS IN GUINEA. WE URGE THAT THE PAO POSITION BE RETAINED. THERE APPEARS AT PRESENT TO BE SOME OPPORTUNITY FOR MODEST AND EFFECTIVE EXPANSION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES, AND THE MISSION IS SEPARATELY PROVIDING JUSTIFICATION FOR A SMALL INCREASE IN BOTH USIA AND CU BUDGETS FOR NEXT YEAR.

AID- WE HAVE AN AID OFFICER, ACTUALLY ON PERMANENT DETAIL FROM DAKAR, SUPPORTED BY FOUR LOCAL CONTRACT PERSONNEL. THE AID OFFICER POSITION IS ESSENTIAL IF OUR MAJOR USAID AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROJECT PROCEEDS. WERE THE PROJECT FOR ANY REASON TO BE CANCELED, THE AID OFFICE WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY AND ANY RESIDUAL AID WORK COULD BE HANDLED BY SHORT DETAILS FROM DAKAR OR ABIDJAN.

PART III - AS EXPLAINED ABOVE, REPROGRAMING IS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT PRESENT A NECESSARY OR EVEN FEASIBLE CONSIDERATION AT THIS POST. WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING INCREASES OR DECREASES IN STAFF AT THIS TIME. DUE TO THE SMALL SIZE OF THE MISSION, WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY LOW PRIORITY POSITIONS AND ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. MISSION STAFFING CHART - CURRENT FY 77

AGENCY/ FUNCTION	AMER. OFFS.	AMER. STAFF	FSL PROFES.	FSL STAFF
STATE				
EXECUTIVE	2	2	0	0
POLITICAL	0	0	0	0
ECON/COM'L	2	1	0	0
ADMIN. (OF WHICH)	2	0	4	15
COMMUNICATION		2	1	0
SECURITY	0	0	0	0
REGIONAL OFFICES		0	0	0
CONSULAR	1	0	1	0

OTHER AGENCIES

USIS	1	0	2	2
AGRIC	0	0	0	0
TREAS	0	0	0	0
JUST	0	0	0	0
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